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1. RAFAEL PASTOR, CHIEF OF MARITIME AND AVIATION AFFAIRS
IN SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY, GOLD EMBOFF THAT AS FAR AS HE
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WAS AWARE SPAIN WOULD POSE NO OBJECTIONS TO RE-ELECTION OF

EDWARDS FOR ANOTHER TERM AS CHAIRMAN OF IMCO COUNCIL. WHEN ASKED WHETHER SPAIN WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY ACTIVELY, OR LEND AID TO A DRAFT, PASTOR STATED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY DID NOT FOLLOW IMCO CLOSELY AND REFERRED EMBOFF TO MERCHANT MARINE UNDERSECRETARIAT IN COMMERCE MINISTRY, WHERE IMCO IS MORE CLOSELY FOLLOWED.

2. CONVERSATION ALSO ELICITED FACT THAT SPAIN AS A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL IS UP FOR RE-ELECTION TO THAT OFFICE THIS FALL. ALTHOUGH CAREFULLY EXCLUDING A STRAIGHT QUID PRO QUO, PASTOR DID VOICE A FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED SPANISH CONCERN OVER ITS EXCLUSION FROM MEMBERSHIP IN GOVERNING BODIES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,

3. IN MERCHANT MARINE UNDERSECRETARIAT, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NAVIGATION AND HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION OUT OF TOWN. HOWEVER, BERRINGUER, DEPUTY OF LATTER, SAID SPAIN WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO HAVING MR. EDWARDS CONTINUE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE IMCO COULCIL FOR ANOTHER TERM.

AS TO WHETHER SPAIN COULD SUPPORT EDWARDS ACTIVELY OR PARTICIPATE IN DRAFT, BERRINGUER STATED MATTER IN HANDS OF LUIS MAYANS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NAVIGATION. EMBOFF MADE TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT CALL ON LATTER JULY 22 ON HIS RETURN TO MADRID. BERRINGUER, LIKE PASTOR, VOLUNTEERED TO EMBOFF FACT THAT SPAIN IS CANDIDATE FOR SEAT ON COUNCIL THIS FALL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ALTHOUGH NEITHER PASTOR NOR BERRINGUER PUT MATTER IN TERMS OF QUID PRO QUO, EMBASSY ANTICIPATES QUESTIONS RE USG ATTITUDE TO SPANISH CANDIDACY FOR IMCO COUNCIL SEAT AND WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON THIS ASAP AND CERTAINLY IN TIME FOR JULY 22 MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NAVIGATION. STABLER

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